



*Parks, Recreation and
Neighborhood Services*

YOUTH COMMISSION

Commission Meeting Minutes **April 25th 2011**

The Youth Commission of the City of San José convened in regular session on April 25th 2011, in the City Council Chambers of San José City Hall at 6:00p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Tang, Chung, Carrera, Ong, Heng, Aldama, Dhaliwal, Stromfeld, Forooghi, Kahn.

II. APPROVAL OF MINTUES

The January meeting minutes were approved by the Commission.

III. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

None

Moved: To move informational items after Liaison reports.

M/S Commissioner Ong / Commissioner Aldama.

Ayes: All

IV ORAL COMMUNICATION

None

V. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

(Information Only)

Marisa Melo from Councilmember Rocha’s office congratulated the Commissioners on their conference. She informed the Commission that the D9 budget meeting on May 4th at the Cambrian Library. She encouraged the Commissioner to attend their district specific budget meetings.

VI. LIAISON REPORTS

(Information Only)

SJPD was not present to report.

Daisy Porter from the San Jose Public Library reported that she will be replacing Bridget at the youth liaison. She informed the Commission about the summer reading program. She informed them that it had a travel theme. Teens can participate by joining the program, if a teen reads 5 books then they get a free book as a prize. Teens can also win prizes for book reviews and

video reviews. She also informed the Commission that they are in need of volunteer for their summer reading program. She also informed the Commission about the Teen talent show hosted by the Library.

Senior Commission was not present to report.

Human Rights Commission was not present to report.

Commissioner Aldama presented on behalf of the Neighborhood Commission. She was not able to attend the last meeting but she did inform the Commission that they are also drafting a recommendation letter about the budget.

Commissioner Khan reported on behalf of the Park and Recreation Commission. She reported that she was not able to attend the Park Commission meeting. She did inform the Commission that the Park Commission is focusing on Coyote Creek Master plan, and a budget update for their Park Ranger program.

VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Majid Amjadi from the Exercise Daily came to inform the Commission about the mission and vision for the Exercise Daily Program. Exercise Daily focuses on inspiring youth to take the presidential active lifestyle award challenge. The purpose of the organization is to fight the children obesity epidemic. He also informed the Commission about the facts and statistics of childhood obesity and asked the Youth Commission for their help via volunteers, funds, and programmers. Exercise Daily would like to partner with the Youth Commission, asking that the youth Commissioner would outreach to youth to join the program. He encouraged them to visit the website for more information about the program.

VIII. AD HOC WORKING TEAMS REPORTS

(Information Only)

Commissioner Tang reported on behalf of the Bill of Responsibilities group. He reported that team is working hard to analyze the results of the surveys and they finalized the wording at the end of the February. They distributed the BOR to attendees of the conference and they also submitted it to the City Attorneys office for approval. The team will also be meeting with Councilmember's to inform them about the Bill of Responsibilities.

Commissioner Heng reported on behalf of the public relations group. She reported that the Youth Commission will be hosting a youth Commission reunion in June at the Roosevelt Community Center. The team is trying to get alumni contacts from the City Manager's Office. The team will be working on a project proposal.

Commissioner Khan reported on behalf of the Budget and Re-use Ad Hoc Working Team. She informed the Commission that the team is working on drafting a budget recommendation letter. The team also plans to meet with HMVF and the MGPTF and the City Attorney in order to gather information. Some recommendations include having libraries open during high traffic hours, and advertising on public buildings as a revenue generator. Other recommendations include keeping youth services open and available to youth during the after school hours and having a staff person work on applying for grants to help keep some youth services.

Commissioner Dhaliwal reported on behalf of the SJ2020 Ad Hoc Working Group. She reported that an informative presentation was given to over 250 youth about the initiative and that over 60 students signed up to become ambassadors at their schools. On April 18th they had an information meeting with the ambassadors and surveys were given to them. This week the team will be meeting again to go over the results of the surveys. May 7th CreaTv will be hosting an event in which teens will hold formal discussions groups about SJ2020.

IX. Executive Board Report

Commissioner Aldama reported that she just met with Chief Moore and that he was looking forward to the roundtable with the Youth Commission this week. She also reviewed the questions to be asked.

Commissioner Ong reported on the Youth Conference survey results. She reported that youth highly rated the workshops. More than 150 attendees came and also a White House Representative. They received positive feedback from most workshops. They were also able to get SJ2020 youth ambassadors.

Commissioner Kahn reported on the Commission work plan update. She reported that most of the objectives have been completed by the Commission. One area that was not completed was sustaining a partnership with Project Cornerstone and meeting with HNVF and the MGPTF. She reported that the Budget Ad Hoc Working team would take care of the latter goals. Commissioner Ong expressed a need to sustain the partnership with Project Cornerstone.

Commissioner Ong also informed the Commission that their May training landed on Mothers Day. She proposed that they move the training to the 15th so that Commissioner would spend time with their mothers.

Moved: To move Youth Commission Training to May 15th.

M/S Commissioner Ong / Commissioner Carrera.

Ayes: All

X. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Tang reported that his D1 YAC has released the most current issues of their newsletter and they are working on the new newsletter; he also informed them that the roundtable with Councilmember Constant went well. His YAC also attended the Youth Conference and the district 1 budget meeting.

Commissioner Chung reported her YAC did not meet this month. Her YAC is working on a teen dance in collaboration with the community center. She is waiting for the community center to establish a partnership. She also had members attend the Youth Conference. They are working on teen driving safety month.

Commissioner Carrera will be having a meeting on Wednesday, his YAC is trying to put together a project about teen/parent communication. His YAC is working on putting together a project proposal for the event in late June.

Commissioner Ong reported that her YAC is working on Family Fun Day at the Berryessa Community Center. Her YAC has been working on publicizing her event; the Council

Office has graciously donated small prizes. She also has 5 new YAC members. The new Commission for district 4 is Max Chen from Independence High School.

Commissioner Heng reported that she had a YAC member attend the conference. She also reported that they had an April meeting and a new YAC member. She also attended the World Savvy Event in San Francisco.

Commissioner Aldama reported that her YAC had a Movie Night that went well, they had 40 people attend. She also informed them that Diana Le is the new district 7 Youth Commissioner.

Commissioner Dhaliwal reported that unfortunately she did not have anyone attend her budget meeting. The YAC decided that they would draft a recommendation letter for the Councilwoman.

Commissioner Stromfeld reported that his YAC is working on a teen talent show; his YAC is currently working on the project proposal so that they can get the event approved.

Commissioner Forooghi reported that her YAC is currently working on their Movie Night. She is also getting YAC members to volunteer for a flea market, going to the budget meeting and a Mother's Day event. She is also working on recruitment efforts for Pioneer High School. Her YAC is also working on drinking and driving flyers to post around the community.

Commissioner Khan reported she is focusing her efforts on the budget Ad Hoc Working Team. She is drafting the recommendation letter on behalf of the Youth Commission. She is also working on setting up meetings with Councilmember's in order to inform them about the recommendations.

XI. ACTION ITEMS

a.) Approving District 10 Movie Night Project Proposal

Commissioner Forooghi reviewed her work plan for her Movie Night.

Moved: Approve the D5 work plan with revisions.

M/S Commissioner Tang/ Commissioner Aldama.

Ayes: All

XII STAFF REPORTS

(Information Item)

a.) Independent Police Auditors Teen Leadership Committee Updates

Staff informed the Commission that the IPA's office received 50 applications and appointed 24 students. They are running without funds and asked Commission Staff for consulting help. They are also looking into getting interns to help run the program. Looking at Youth Commission as model.

b.) White House Roundtable Discussions Update

Staff informed the Commission that an e-mail was sent to the Representative, he informed Commission Staff that San Jose Youth Commission was the leader in getting youth roundtables with political leaders set up. He is also looking forward to getting updates from the Commission.

c.) Sacramento Conference

Staff informed the Commission that Rose and Mariam confirmed to represent the Youth Commission at the conference from May 23rd and May 24th.

c.) End of the Year Progress Reports

Reports will be due on May 30th.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm by Commission Chair Ong.